

The NAB petition to restrict XM and any other satellite radio broadcaster from providing traffic and weather information to listeners should be rejected. Free enterprise dictates that new technologies be allowed to develop. This a valued service that we Satellite radio subscribers pay for. It cannot be shown to infringe on or seriously impair NAB's member stations ability to retain or maket to their audience or potential audience. There is therefore no rational basis to grant the petition. Further, satellite radio can be received in areas where broadcast radio and television cannot. Long haul truckers and those of us who must travel long distances on business can benefit from receiving weather and traffic information while we are too far out to receive the local broadcasts. The satellite service therefore serves commerce and safety.
PLEASE REJECT PETITION 04-160